

## Introduced by Senator Perata

February 20, 2001

An act to amend Section 4937 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to acupuncture.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 341, as introduced, Perata. Acupuncture.

Existing law, the Acupuncture Licensure Act, lists certain techniques and modalities that a licensed acupuncturist may use on patients.

This bill would expand the modalities available for use by a licensed acupuncturist and specifically authorize the use of magnets and animal and mineral products.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4937 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 4937. An acupuncturist's license authorizes the holder  
4 thereof:  
5 (a) To engage in the practice of acupuncture.  
6 (b) To perform or prescribe the use of oriental massage,  
7 acupressure, breathing techniques, exercise, ~~or magnets,~~  
8 nutrition, ~~including the incorporation of~~ drugless substances and,  
9 herbs ~~as~~, animal and mineral products, and dietary supplements  
10 to promote health. Nothing in this section prohibits any person  
11 who does not possess an acupuncturist's license or another license  
12 as a healing arts practitioner from performing, or prescribing the

- 1 use of, ~~oriental massage, breathing techniques, exercises, or~~
- 2 ~~nutrition~~ *any modality listed in this subdivision* to promote health,
- 3 so long as those activities are not performed or prescribed in
- 4 connection with the practice of acupuncture.

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